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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2803

Introduced by Assembly Member Shelley

(Principal coauthor: Senator Murray)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Knox and Machado)

(Coauthors: Senators Bowen and O’Connell)

February 28, 2000

An act to add Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 116090) to Part 10 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to school athletics safety, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2803, as amended, Shelley. School athletics: safety.

Existing law requires the governing board of any educational institution to provide for each member of an athletic team insurance protection for medical and hospital expenses. Existing law authorizes the governing board of any school district to make available ambulance service for athletic events. Existing law requests the University of California to design and conduct a study of pupil injuries resulting from participation in high school athletic events.

This bill would appropriate \$2,000,000 to the State Department of Education for the purpose of providing grants to fund 3 pilot projects that enter into ~~public/private~~ partnerships to support safety in school athletics. This bill would require the department to request and review proposals from grant applicants. The bill would require the pilot projects to report to the Legislature.

The bill would ~~declare~~ *provide that to the extent* that funds appropriated by this bill ~~would~~ *may* be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution *those funds shall be so applied and counted towards those requirements.*

Vote: ~~2/3~~ ^{2/3} majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of
2 the following:

3 (a) The National Athletic Trainers' Association
4 (NATA) has released findings from a study of injuries to
5 high school athletes in nearly 250 schools over a
6 three-year period. The study found that the majority of
7 reported injuries to high school pupils occurred during
8 practice sessions.

9 (b) Injury prevention programs can substantially
10 reduce the risk of injury to pupils and should be in place
11 for practice sessions as well as games.

12 (c) The prevention of reinjury through daily injury
13 management is a critical part of an injury prevention
14 program.

15 (d) The American Medical Association has recognized
16 the benefits of athletic training and recommends the use
17 of certified athletic trainers in all high school athletic
18 programs.

19 (e) School districts are required to provide health
20 insurance coverage for pupils who participate in athletic
21 programs.



(f) Many school districts, schools, and student-athletes cannot afford to provide the insurance necessary to meet the requirements of the law.

(g) To begin to ensure the safety and opportunity of all pupils interested in participating in high school athletics, it is necessary to provide insurance coverage and other support systems relevant to a healthy environment for student-athletes.

SEC. 2. Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 116090) is added to Part 10 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

CHAPTER 6. PILOT PROJECT FOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS
SAFETY

116090. ~~The Student~~ *Pupil* Athletic Access and Safety Program pilot project is hereby established in the State Department of Education for the purpose of providing grants in three counties to support a ~~public/private~~ partnership to facilitate pupil participation and safety in high school athletics.

116091. (a) One of the pilot projects shall be in Los Angeles County.

(b) One of the pilot projects shall be in the ~~City and County of San Francisco~~ *region of the San Francisco Bay Area*.

(c) One of the pilot projects shall be in the central valley.

116092. A pilot project shall use grant funds for all of the following purposes:

(a) To provide sports accident insurance coverage for ~~student-athletes~~ *pupil-athletes* or schools unable to provide the coverage required by Sections 32220 to 32224, inclusive, of the Education Code, *with respect to pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive*.

(b) To provide onsite certified athletic trainers to participating schools.

(c) To provide licensed health care professional coverage at all football games and preparticipation physical examinations.

1 (d) To provide appropriate medical supplies and
2 other supplies necessary to prevent and care for
3 sports-related injuries.

4 (e) To provide in-service meetings for coaches and
5 trainers, and to ensure that coaches and trainers receive
6 first aid and CPR certification.

7 (f) To provide mentoring opportunities for pupils
8 interested in the medical and athletic training fields.

9 (g) To provide community educational seminars for
10 pupils, parents, trainers, coaches, and administrators on
11 nutrition, the avoidance of drugs, and on injuries and
12 prevention.

13 (h) To provide strength training workshops for
14 ~~student-athletes~~ *pupil-athletes*.

15 (i) To provide access to physical therapy clinics,
16 diagnostic testing, corrective surgery, postoperative
17 rehabilitation, and an off-season training program.

18 116093. (a) The State Department of Education shall
19 establish a competitive bidding process for private,
20 nonprofit organizations that are registered with the
21 Secretary of State and are located in an eligible pilot
22 county to submit a grant application for the development,
23 administration, and implementation of the—~~Student Pupil~~
24 Athletic Access and Safety Program.

25 (b) No later than March 1, 2001, the department shall
26 request and review proposals submitted by entities
27 eligible for grants pursuant to this chapter. By May 1,
28 2001, the department shall select one proposal in each of
29 the three eligible pilot ~~counties~~ *areas* for receipt of a
30 grant. The selected proposal shall meet the criteria set
31 forth in this chapter and shall be selected on the basis of
32 its ability to provide the best, most feasible service to the
33 largest number of schools and pupils in the pilot—~~county~~
34 *area*.

35 (c) Proposals shall include all of the following:

36 (1) A description of the program goals.

37 (2) A list of measurable objectives for the purpose of
38 evaluation by the department.

1 (3) A list of proposed public secondary schools
2 selected for participation, and the criteria used for
3 selection of those schools.

4 (4) A list of professional participants with curriculum
5 vitae and resumes attached. Athletic trainers who are
6 proposed to participate in the program shall be certified
7 by the National Association of Athletic Trainers.

8 (5) A selected insurer that will provide the health
9 insurance, rates, and coverage proposed.

10 (6) The method that will be used to gather and submit
11 data to the department.

12 (7) A clear description of the experience, expertise,
13 and other qualifications of the private, nonprofit
14 organization.

15 (8) A proposed budget for expenditure of the grant,
16 including a proposed fundraising plan to raise the
17 dollar-for-dollar match as required in this chapter.

18 (d) The department, upon making a selection
19 pursuant to this chapter, shall fund the grant no later than
20 July 1, 2001.

21 (e) The department may expend up to 10 percent of
22 the funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act for the
23 costs associated with administration of the competitive
24 bidding process, medical quality assurance and program
25 oversight, data collection, and evaluation of the pilot
26 project. No additional funds may be used for
27 administration, oversight, or implementation of this
28 program.

29 (f) The department shall monitor and evaluate the
30 program to ensure the performance and effectiveness of
31 the program, including the following:

32 (1) Success in obtaining stated goals.

33 (2) Success in the pupil mentoring and scholarship
34 programs.

35 (3) Reduction in injuries that occur during practice
36 sessions and during actual athletic competitions.

37 (4) Reduction in recurring injury incidents.

38 (g) For the purpose of evaluating the programs, the
39 department shall, to the extent feasible, compare
40 available data relating to injuries that occurred during

1 practice sessions and official competitions in the school
2 year prior to the existence of the pilot program, with
3 comparable data collected in the second year of the pilot
4 program.

5 If data regarding injuries has not been collected prior
6 to the establishment of the pilot program, then data
7 submitted by each grantee during the first six months of
8 the program shall be used as baseline data to compare
9 against data collected in the second year.

10 (h) In order to be eligible to receive funds pursuant to
11 this chapter, a pilot project shall receive matching private
12 funds equal to the public funds received.

13 116094. By January 1, 2004, the department shall
14 submit a report to the Legislature on the evaluation of the
15 pilot projects pursuant to this chapter, including the
16 number of schools and pupils assisting or participating in
17 the various components of the project, and the extent to
18 which the measurable objectives listed in the proposal
19 were met.

20 SEC. 3. (a) The sum of two million dollars
21 (\$2,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General
22 Fund to the State Department of Education for the
23 purpose of providing grants to three pilot projects
24 pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section
25 116090) of Part 1 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety
26 Code.

27 (b) ~~The~~ *To the extent that* funds appropriated by this
28 act ~~shall~~ *may* be applied toward the minimum funding
29 requirements for school districts and community college
30 districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the
31 California Constitution, *those funds shall be so applied*
32 *and counted toward those requirements.*